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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 3 and 5 are hereby amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim 3 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 3 has been rewritten independently to overcome this rejection.

Claims 4-6 were rejected as being unpatentable over Alff in view of Nachtigal. In an effort to move the case forward, the inventor is canceling claims 4 and 6. Applicant reserves the right to refile the cancelled claims. Claim 5 has been amended to depend on claim 3. As presently amended claim 3 is now considered allowable, claim 5 should also be allowed.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, John J. Gresens, Reg. No. 33,112, at (612)371-5265.

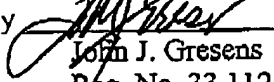


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